



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

JULY 19, 2023

ADMINISTRATION

- All of the Town emails have been converted to .gov addresses; we are still waiting on the website transition to the same.
- We will be hosting a CareerCenter Consultant at the Town Office on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. This will be a variety of appointments and walk-ins, to help get people placed/back to work.

AIRPORT

- We received the \$32,000 in ARPA funds to defray expenses incurred back to 2021.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLANNING

- The Planning Board heard the initial Site Plan Review proposal from Waste Management's affiliate, Maine Regional Conversion Facility, proposing the construction and installation of a biosolids processing facility on Waste Management property at the site of the former tire processing facility.
- **Planning Board Public Hearing: Thursday, July 27, 6:00 PM**
- **Planning Board Meeting: Thursday, August 17, 6:00 PM**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The Grange façade grant has been closed out. There was a remaining balance of approximately \$20, which was returned to the Town.
- **TIF Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 5:00 PM**
- **Ribbon Cutting with Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce at 3D Equipment (280 Waterville Road): Thursday, July 27, 3:00 PM**

FINANCE & COLLECTIONS

- We received our share of real estate taxes collected from FirstPark, which amounted to \$13,337. In 2022, we committed \$12,876 for the FirstPark dues; this is a net of \$461.
- Unpaid 2022 taxes will go to lien on August 1.
- **Board of Tax Assessors Meeting (2023 Commitment): Thursday, August 10, 9:00 AM**

LIBRARIES

- I've received several applications for the librarian position, and continue to accept applications until a candidate is selected. Interviews begin this week.

- Meet & Greet with Artist John Alsop: Saturday, July 22, 10:30 AM
- Library Trustee Meeting: Thursday, August 24, 3:00 PM

PARKS

- The boat parade was canceled at the recommendation of Brookfield, given river flows and missing safety measures near the dam.
- Oosoola Days planning is well underway. We're building out the website, which will hopefully contain some great information next week.
- The Oosoola Park Music Series is ready to go! Each Wednesday in August, a different group will be playing at the gazebo, from 6 to 7:30 PM. Each of the nights will be hosted by local musician and organizer Christine Poulson. Franklin Savings is sponsoring the event. I am working to schedule a food truck to be there for the music; if you know of anyone that might be interested, please forward me their contact information.
- Parks Committee Meeting: Monday, July 24, 4:00 PM

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Federal government declared a state of emergency related to the May 1 rainstorm. This will allow us to seek FEMA funds for local expenses incurred (dock, road damage, etc.)

PUBLIC WORKS

- Next week I'll be meeting with DOT to discuss the traffic light upgrade/intersection reconfiguration. If the work plan stays on track, this project will be completed later this construction season.
- Waste Management's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. To drop off, you need to use the Route 2 facility entrance.

RECREATION

- Thanks to all of the volunteers (and staff) who helped support the Cal Ripken 12U State Tournament that took place this last week, and continues through tomorrow and possibly Friday. This has been an amazing opportunity to partner with Cal Ripken to showcase our fields, support local businesses (c-stores, restaurants, lodging, etc.), and encourage tourism throughout the region.

SEWER

- Three manholes were lifted between the school and the intersection, as a part of the Route 2 mill and pave project. It was relatively costly, but DOT required it.